

Nativity of Our Lady Catholic Church

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MASS SCHEDULE:

Saturday: 4:00 pm

Sunday: 7:00 am, 9:00 am, 11:00 am

Weekdays:

5:30 pm (Tuesday and Thursday)

9:00 am (Wednesday) 6:30 am (Friday)

OFFICE HOURS:

Monday: 9:00 am — 5:00 pm

Tuesday: 9:00 am — 5:00 pm

Wednesday: 9:30 am — 5:00 pm

Thursday: 9:00 am — 5:00 pm

Friday: 9:00 am — 12:00 pm

(Closed daily from 12:00 pm — 1:00 pm for Lunch)

PASTOR:

Rev. Msgr. J. Robert Romero

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PRESIDENT: *Barbara Breaux*

RECONCILIATION:

Saturday: 3:00 pm — 3:45 pm and
30 minutes before weekday Masses

ROSARY:

Wednesday: 8:20 am (*Pro-Life*)

First Saturday: 8:20 am

**Sunday
December 1, 2024**



Mass Intentions for the Week

Tuesday, December 3, 2024

5:30pm John Babin

Wednesday, December 4, 2024

9:00am Ernest "Topper" Breau, Jr.
Donald & Marjoire Poche Fly
Carrol Romero, Sr.

Thursday, December 5, 2024

8:00am A Special Intention

Friday, December 6, 2024 - First Friday

6:30am Peewee & Elaine Broussard, Don Taylor
Janell Broussard, Lee Broussard
Gloria & E.J. Segura, Carlyle Hebert Fly

Saturday, December 7, 2024 - First Saturday

9:00am Brother & Claire LaBauve
Quang V. Hguyen

4:00pm Mr & Mrs. Raymond Landry
Fr. Tom Finley, Rachel R. Romero
Lynward Ransonet, Sue Dugas
DeHart & Estilette Fly, Jay Landry
Dressel & Ransonet Fly

Sunday, December 8, 2024

7:00am Parishioners, Carroll Aucoin
Betty Doerle Comeaux

9:00am Msgr. H.J. Barsen, Agapito A. Castro
Quang V. Nguyen, Gerald "Bick" Girouard
Ernest "Topper". Breau, Jr., Clark Romero
L.E. & Barbara Dugas, Loretta Trahan
L.J. & Edna Mae Begnaud

11:00am Fr. A.J. Boumans, Donna M. Lanza
Harvey & Joyce DeCourt

**We are a sacrificial giving Parish,
giving of our Time, Talent and Treasure:**

OUR GIFTS TO GOD November 17, 2024

Loose	\$ 1,726.75
Envelopes.....	\$ 2,267.00
Total (collected)	\$ 3,993.75
Online Giving offertory	\$ 778.00
Mailed in offertory	\$ 375.00
Total offertory (week)	\$ 5,146.75
Catholic Campaign for Human Develop	\$ 694.00

Thank you for your generosity!!!!

SANCTUARY LIGHT:

In Memory of:
The Belaire's



MEMORIAL BOOK

The weekend of the first Sunday of every month the "Memorial Book" is placed in the sanctuary as a reminder that we pray for all those who have been enrolled. You can enroll any deceased person by making a donation to Our Lady's Altar Society (minimum \$5.00) This money stays with the Altar Society to assist the parish with Altar needs. Call Sheryl Bourque @ 364-8360



To give the "Body and Blood of Jesus Christ" to our brothers and sisters in Christ is an awesome privilege. Are you worthy? No, none of us is worthy, but we are striving to grow in holiness. If you are being called to this ministry, call Msgr. Romero at the church office (364-8360).

GOSPEL MEDITATION

1st Sunday of Advent

When I was a young priest, about one year after ordination, I was called to the hospital to anoint a dying mother of three young children. She had a painful, terminal cancer. After celebrating Last Rites with her, I said, "Don't be afraid." She looked me square in the eye from her hospital bed and said, "Oh Father, I am in a lot of pain, but I am not afraid. Something wonderful is about to happen." A few days later she died.

Christians face the ending of our personal various "worlds" in a totally unique way. This first Sunday of Advent, Jesus says that when people see their world falling apart, they find themselves "fainting with fear and with foreboding of what is coming on the world" (Luke 21:26). In our fear, our natural response is to check out, to hide our heads in drunkenness, distraction, and false securities. But Jesus commands us to "look up and raise your heads, because your redemption is drawing near." He then compares what's coming to a lovely summer in full bloom. That's what the cross and resurrection empower us to do, as strange as it may seem.

Advent challenge: What world in your life is collapsing? A relationship, a dream, a work opportunity? Maybe you're troubled by a crumbling world in the political or economic sphere. Or maybe someone you love is seriously ill or dying. Name that world or worlds. Then pray: "Lord, help me to not faint with fear. Help me to raise my head and see your redemption coming. — Father John Muir

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REFLECTIONS **First Sunday of Advent** - Paul's reminder to the Thessalonians also applies to us. No matter how great our progress, there is always more to learn. Our lifelong task is to learn how to love others as God loves us, without limits or conditions. This Advent as we prepare once again to celebrate God's gift of love in Jesus, pray for the grace to be open and to learn what the Spirit would teach you.

"Your ways, O Lord, make known to me; teach me your paths." - Psalm 25:4

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"Dear Heavenly Father, as we enter into this Advent season, our hearts are filled with hope and anticipation. We long for the coming of your Son, Jesus Christ, who brings light into our world. In the midst of the darkness that can sometimes surround us, we find hope in your promises and in the fulfillment of your prophecies.

As we light the first Advent candle, may its flame remind us of the hope that Christ's birth brings. We place our trust in you, O God, knowing that you are faithful to your word. Help us to prepare our hearts and minds for the celebration of the Savior's birth, and may the hope of Christ's coming fill us with joy and peace. In this season of Advent, may we be beacons of hope to others, sharing the good news of your love and salvation. Guide us in our journey toward Christmas, and may we draw closer to you each day. We offer this prayer in the name of Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen."

COME LORD JESUS



Advent Wreath

1st CANDLE – (purple) **THE PROPHECY CANDLE or CANDLE OF HOPE** – We can have hope because God is faithful and will keep the promises made to us. Our hope comes from God. (Romans 15:12-13)

2nd CANDLE – (purple) **THE BETHLEHEM CANDLE or THE CANDLE OF PREPARATION** – God kept his promise of a Savior who would be born in Bethlehem. Preparation means to "get ready". Help us to be ready to welcome YOU, O GOD! (Luke 3:4-6)

3rd CANDLE – (pink) **THE SHEPHERD CANDLE or THE CANDLE OF JOY** – The angels sang a message of JOY! (Luke 2:7-15)

4th CANDLE – (purple) **THE ANGEL CANDLE or THE CANDLE OF LOVE** – The angels announced the good news of a Savior. God sent his only Son to earth to save us, because he loves us! (John 3:16-17)

5th CANDLE – (white) **"CHRIST CANDLE"** – The white candle reminds us that Jesus is the spotless lamb of God, sent to wash away our sins! His birth was for his death, his death was for our birth! (John 1:29)

PRACTICING CATHOLIC RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS By Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman Remembering Advent

It always makes me laugh a little, these apocalyptic Gospel readings that come at the beginning of Advent.

What a funny juxtaposition — all of us stringing twinkle lights and wrapping presents, with Jesus thundering on about the end of the world. It's Christmas! Don't be a downer. Pour me some more eggnog and turn up the Nat King Cole.

Well, except it's not Christmas. It's Advent.

There's nothing wrong with the cultural accretions that have developed alongside this religious holiday. There's nothing wrong with the twinkle lights and the eggnog. But here's the thing: when Satan knows we're watching the front gate, he slips in the back door. And something I've found is that one back door he likes to use in my life is Cultural Christmas.

I love Cultural Christmas. I tend to overdo Cultural Christmas. I overschedule, I overdecorate, I overgift. All this "over" leads to — you guessed it! — overwhelm. "The anxieties of daily life," as Jesus describes in today's Gospel, make my heart drowsy. My *spiritual* Christmas joy, time and time again, is diminished — all because I embrace Cultural Christmas and ignore Advent. Satan sneaks in with the twinkle lights and the Christmas carols and he snatches The Present like the nasty little Grinch he is. He photobombs my experience of the religious holidays with the anxieties I so willingly embrace because of the production that is Cultural Christmas.

So, remember to rest this Advent, folks. Rest your heart. Rest your hands. Watch the back door *and* the front. Remember that this is the perfect time to be thinking about the state of your soul and not just the state of your house.

Even though, yes, I know, the guests are coming any minute.

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PARISH VOCATION CROSS *The Vocation Cross is taken by:*

*Willie & Cynthia Elmer
(December 1st - 7th)*

Each week, a family or an individual from our parish receives the vocation cross. If you or your family would like to receive the vocation cross, please sign-up on the sign-up sheet near the tabernacle in church.

PRAYER & SICK LIST

The names on our prayer list will stay on for 90 days. If you want to add or delete a name, please call the office @ 337-364-8360: Laura George, Elmae Picard, Pat Villermin, Tracy Renard, Brenda Hebert, Daniel Bienvenu, Michelle Frith, Lawrence Romero, Jimmy Simoneaux, Laura LaBiche, Curtis Hulin, Morgan McMusson, Candice Clark, Todd D'Albor, Barrett Gardner, Delina Lafont, Sonny Broussard, Michelle Parrie, Scott Romero, Denise Hebert, Millard & Myrna Poché, Taylor Price, Betty Rogers, Ellen Barrilleaux Thomas, Clint Boudreaux, Laurie Delahoussaye, Kelly Boudreaux, Sr., Kathie Segura, Mary Taylor Broussard, Mazel Dwyer, Fran Jackson, David & Robin Viator Fly, Sheryl S. Bourque, Ronnie Landry, Elise C. Verret, Michael & Claire Landry Fly, Dustin & Nicole V. Ortego Fly, Linda & Clint Trahan Fly, Josephine Delcambre, Ruth Bernard, Sirena Rogers, Jay McDonald, Shawntell Romero, Bea & Jimmy Romero, Jeanette Gonsoulin, Jacque Gondran, Joylynn Trosclair, Alice Robicheaux, Sheri Arcement Darby, Caroline Dubois, Patrick Robicheaux, Walker Robicheaux, Catherine Bourdier, Jeanne Dupre, Peggy Fitch, Hardy Jenkins, Corliss Ramirez, Jean-Paul Marceaux, Rhonda Darden, Marnel Fremin, Yvonne Willis, Misty Geoffroy, Shirley Trahan, Brayson Willson, Lori Agiular, Elijah Hebert, Baby Guillory, Frank Onebane, Debbie Johnson & Fly, Cameron Alba, Mel & Stacey Boutte, Betty C. Champagne, Donna Francis, Farina Guidry, Betty Robichaux, Earline Estave, Chad Babineaux, Tammy Dore, Dylan Ducote, Judy Meyers, Garland Reed, Carly Tajmir, Diane & Ronald Broussard, Lance Castille, Grace Armendariz, Louis Boudreaux, Jr., Gloria Comeaux, Larry Romero, Scotty Champagne, Edward Simon, Monica Harrington, Janis & Nathan Dugas, Billy Simon, Lynette Landry, Janet Viator, Lena Lopez, Betty B. Leblanc, Christine Guidry & the Guidry Fly, Barbara Martin, Michael "Tee" Theriot, Phyllis S. Bourque, Doris Scheldon, Ovide Buteaux, David Spelly, Ellen Guidry, Dean Delahoussaye, Patsy & Percy Barrilleaux, Patsy Thibodeaux, Tom Stowe, Tim & Staci Stowe, John Babin, Rudy Delcambre. Please also pray for those individuals who, although they are in need of your prayers, have requested that their names not be publicized for privacy reasons.

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WHY DO WE DO THAT? CATHOLIC LIFE EXPLAINED Advent Wreath

Question: What's the story behind the Advent wreath?

Answer: Each season in the liturgical calendar comes with its own local and regional rituals. During the Advent season, wreaths adorn church sanctuaries and family dining room tables. You may have said Advent wreath prayers in childhood or taken a turn lighting the candles. The Advent wreath is full of symbolism about Christ and his coming at Christmas. The wreath is made of evergreen boughs, reminding us that the life of grace doesn't falter with the changing seasons. It always remains fresh and new. Similarly, a circular wreath reminds us of the eternal, never-ending nature of God's love.

Candles remind us that Christ is the light of the world, the One who "shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it." We use four candles to represent each week of Advent. Traditionally they come in the liturgical colors of the season. Purple has historically represented penance and sacrifice. We see the same color for the season of Lent. On the third Sunday of Advent, however, we light a rose color. The priest will wear rose vestments at Mass. This is Gaudete Sunday. Gaudete means "rejoice" in Latin. On the third Sunday of Advent, we're roughly halfway through the season. The Church chooses the midpoint to remind us to celebrate in the midst of our anticipation! Whatever the color and whatever the day, the Advent wreath is a beautiful practice to focus our attention on Christ's coming at Christmas.

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The Light is On For You
Celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation

**Every Parish of the
Diocese of Lafayette
Wednesdays in Advent
6:30 pm to 8:00 pm
December 4, December 11
and December 18, 2024**

Our parish and all the parishes of the Diocese of Lafayette will be open for individual confessions on **the first three Wednesdays of Advent from 6:30 pm to 8:00 pm**

TODAY'S READINGS

December 1, 2024

Reading I: Jeremiah 33:14-16

The prophet Jeremiah speaks of God's promise to save Jerusalem so all can "dwell safely" in the land. Where in your life do you feel the safest?

Reading II: 1 Thessalonians 3:12-4:2

In preparation for the return of Jesus, Paul prayed that the believers in Thessalonica would love one another and conduct themselves in a way pleasing to God. As we enter the season of Advent, what could you do to actively prepare for the return of Jesus?

Gospel: Luke 21:25-28, 34-36

Jesus forewarns his disciples not to let the daily anxieties of life distract them from the coming day of his return. Who helps you when you are overcome with anxiety?

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Red Bird Ministries - A Grieving Dad's Retreat

All men who have experienced any form of child loss are invited to attend: December 13-15, 2024

Register at: redbird.love/dadsretreat

Deadline to register is Dec. 1st.

For More Information: hello@redbird.love

CURRENT EVENTS

Tuesday, December 3, 2024

Mass at 5:30pm

Wednesday, December 4, 2024

Pro-Life Rosary - 8:20am - Mass - 9am

Eucharistic Adoration Holy Hour

9:30am - 10:30am - Church

OLAS Luncheon - 11am

The Light Is On For You - 6:30pm - 8:00pm

Thursday, December 5, 2024

5:30pm Mass

Friday, December 6, 2024 - First Friday

OLAS, K.C. Ladies Auxiliary & K.C. Members to attend 6:30am Mass

Saturday, December 7, 2024 - First Saturday

OLAS, K.C. Ladies Auxiliary & K.C. Members to attend 9:00am Mass

Mass at 4pm

Sunday, December 8, 2024

Masses at: 7am, 9am & 11am

Confirmation Class - after 11am Mass - Parish Hall

This year #iGiveCatholic is on #GivingTuesday, December 3, 2024 from 12:01 AM to 11:59 PM (midnight to midnight) CST and takes place at <https://lafayette.iGiveCatholic.org>.

Child Smile Project

Donate gifts to children whose parent or parents are incarcerated and to children who struggle with special circumstances. Visit: www.diola.org/smile to view our wish-list and purchase a gift through Amazon. Gifts must be donated by December 6th.

MASS SERVERS December 3 - December 8, 2024					
DAY DATE	TIME	CELEBRANT	READERS	LAY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION	ALTAR SERVERS
Tuesday 12/3/24	5:30pm	Msgr. J. Robert Romero	See Reader Schedule	See Signup Sheet Inside Church	Sacristan
Wednesday 12/4/24	9:00am	Fr. Ed Degeyter	See Reader Schedule	See Signup Sheet Inside Church	Sacristan
Thursday 12/5/24	8:00am	Msgr. J. Robert Romero	See Reader Schedule	See Signup Sheet Inside Church	Sacristan
Friday 12/6/24	6:30am	Msgr. J. Robert Romero	See Reader Schedule	See Signup Sheet Inside Church	Sacristan
Saturday 12/7/24	9:00am	Fr. Ed Degeyter	See Reader Schedule	See Signup Sheet Inside Church	Sacristan
	4:00pm	Msgr. J. Robert Romero	See Reader Schedule	See Signup Sheet Inside Church	Autum, Benjamin & Ephraim Trahan
Sunday 12/8/24	7:00am	Fr. Ed Degeyter	See Reader Schedule	See Signup Sheet Inside Church	Morgan Salsman Charlie Salsman
	9:00am	Msgr. J. Robert Romero	See Reader Schedule	See Signup Sheet Inside Church	Sophia Comeaux Allie Comeaux
	11:00am	Msgr. J. Robert Romero	See Reader Schedule	See Signup Sheet Inside Church	Madalynn Salsman Tai Nguyen

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